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COTTONSEED REVIEW - SOUTHWESTERN AREA

Movement: Cottonseed moved to crushing mills a little more freely than during recent weeks. Favorable weather permitted harvesting to make good progress in most parts of Texas. Ginning was just beginning in Oklahoma and movement has not been in sufficient volume to show grades and prices. Farmers continued to hold a substantial volume of seed from current ginnings.

Prices: The average price paid for wagon-lots of seed by ginnerers in Texas this week was \$65.50 per ton. This was about the same as paid last week. The highest prices in the state were being paid in District 4. The high in this district was \$72 per ton, the low \$63 per ton and the average \$68.30 per ton. This was a little higher than prices paid last week. In Districts 1 and 2 where ginning is getting under way the price was generally \$60.00 per ton. Oil mills prices in north central and south Texas were reported at from \$65 to \$70 per ton with one report of \$74 per ton being paid. Mills in west Texas were reported as paying \$60 to \$63 per ton.

Grades: The average grade of cottonseed in Texas this week was 96.5 compared with 99.0 a week ago. The average grade in District 1 was 99.0 and only slight discounts were due to excess moisture and foreign matter. In District 2 the average grade was 96 against 102 last week. Grades in the northern part of this district were noticeably lower than the southern part due to a lower oil content. The average grade in District 4 was lower than last week, 95.5 against 98.0. Discounts due to excess moisture were rather general.

The indicated supply of cottonseed for the current (1946-47) season is about 3,850,000 tons against 3,883,000 tons in the preceding season. The present prospective supply is slightly smaller than last season and the smallest in many years. The 10-year (1935-44) average supply was about 5,350,000 tons. During recent years crushings have averaged approximately 84 percent of the total supply of seed.

The production of cottonseed for the current season cannot be accurately estimated this early in the season. Based on the September cotton crop forecast and the ratio of lint to cottonseed during the past five years the outturn of seed in 1946-47 would be about 3,732,000 tons. Production in 1945 was 3,664,000 tons and the 10-year average 5,240,000 tons.

Stocks of cottonseed in oil mills on July 31, 1946, totaled 118,000 tons against 219,000 a year earlier. Stocks of cottonseed oil, meal and cake, and hulls in oil mills were at a very low level at the beginning of the current season, August 1, 1946. Stocks of linters in oil mills were also comparatively small but were larger than the very small quantity on hand a year earlier.

The sampling and grading of cottonseed is under the supervision of the Production and Marketing Administration. From reports received during the week ending September 13, 1946, the following data are given relative to grades and prices of cottonseed in the counties named:

: U. S. Standard : Prices per					: U. S. Standard : Prices per					
District and County	: Grades :			ton paid by gins : Dollars	:	District and County	: Grades :			ton paid by gins : Dollars
	: Low :	High:	Avg.:				: Low :	High:	Avg.:	
T E X A S										
District 1					District 5					
Dawson	: 97.0	103.5	100.5	-	Brazos	: -	-	-	*65	
Howard	: -	-	-	*56-60	Harrison	: -	-	-	60	
Lubbock	: 90.0	97.5	95.0	-	Houston	: 100.0	107.0	104.5	-	
Average District 1			99.0	59.00	Leon	: -	-	-	*60-65	
Average last week			96.5	-	Nacogdoches	: 105.5	106.0	106.0*	*60	
District 2					District 8					
Board	: 89.0	92.0	90.5*	-	Red River	: -	-	-	65-68	
Hardeman	: 89.0	96.0	92.5	-	Shelby	: -	-	-	*60	
Mitchell	: 99.5	102.5	101.0	*60	Smith	: -	-	-	*60-62	
Runnels	: 92.5	95.0	93.5*	-	Van Zandt	: -	-	-	*65	
Scurry	: 99.0	102.5	100.5	-	Average District 5			103.0	62.70	
Wichita	: 89.5	101.5	96.0*	-	Average last week			-	63.70	
Wilbarger	: 88.0	89.5	89.0*	-	District 9					
Average District 2			96.0	60.00	Austin	: 92.0	95.0	93.5	*60	
Average last week			102.0	-	Eastrop	: -	-	-	65-67	
District 4					Fayette	: -	-	-	60-65	
Collin	: 82.0	102.5	95.0	63-68	Guadalupe	: -	-	-	*67	
Coryell	: 91.5	91.5	91.5*	*66	Lee	: -	-	-	60	
Dallas	: 87.5	99.5	96.5	-	Washington	: 95.0	97.0	96.0	*60	
Denton	: 94.5	96.5	95.5	*65	Average District 8			95.0	64.10	
Ellis	: 90.0	102.5	96.0	68-72	Average last week			100.0	65.90	
Fannin	: 87.5	105.5	95.5	*68	District 10					
Grayson	: 90.0	91.0	90.5*	-	Cameron	: 100.0	106.0	103.5	-	
Hamilton	: -	-	-	65	Willacy	: 95.0	104.0	99.5	-	
Hill	: 88.5	101.5	95.0	*70	Average District 10			101.5	-	
Hunt	: 88.5	102.5	96.0	68	Average last week			101.0	62.20	
Johnson	: -	-	-	67-70	STATE AVERAGE					
Kaufman	: 90.0	99.0	95.0	65-68	: 96.5			65.50		
McLennan	: 89.5	102.5	96.0	65-70	AVERAGE LAST WEEK:					
Navarro	: 93.0	100.0	96.0	70	: 99.0			65.40		
Rockwall	: 92.0	98.5	95.0	65-68						
Williamson	: -	-	-	67-70						
Average District 4			95.5	68.30						
Average last week			98.0	66.90						

* Based on only one or two reports so may not be representative.

Note: Counties for which insufficient reports were received are not listed.

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